

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 27, 2025



Pastor's Corner for July 27-August 2, 2025

Spared for the Sake of One (Genesis 18:20-33)

Sodom and Gomorrah. What do you think of when you hear those words? Immoral behavior? Cities God punished with fire and brimstone? People who got their “just deserts”? That’s the way these two cities have traditionally been understood over the centuries. Jesus Himself once delivered a warning drawn from this popular notion. In sending His followers out on foot to announce the drawing near of God’s Kingdom, He told them, in effect, “The town that doesn’t welcome you will be in for something way worse than what even the people of Sodom got!” (Luke 10:11-12). It’s no wonder Sodom had a reputation. What we know, based on our OT reading for this weekend, is that the “outcry” against Sodom and Gomorrah because of their sin had come to God. Their sin was “weighty” (18:20). How would God respond?

Into the picture comes a man with relatives in Sodom: a man with whom God had just made a covenant to rescue the world through his descendants. That man's name was Abraham. Abraham famously offers up a prayer for the people of Sodom. "Suppose there are 50 righteous people in the city? Surely you won't sweep away an entire city with 50 righteous people living there?" The Lord promises He will not. And from 50 Abraham negotiates the number down. "Suppose there are 45? Suppose there are 40? 30? 20? 10?" Each time, God promises: "For the sake of 40...For the sake of 20...For the sake of 10, I will not destroy the city." God is a God who acts FOR THE SAKE OF, on behalf of others. God does not operate in a vacuum. God acts here and always out of concern and care for the sake of the righteous!

All of which reminds me of another prayer in another time and place. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, faced the crowds who reviled Him and put Him to death on a cross with a similar prayer, "Father, forgive them!" On that day there was no bargaining with God. Indeed, there were not 50, 40, 10, or even 5 who were righteous. There was only one: Jesus Himself! Yet for the sake of that one righteous man, Jesus Christ, the Son of God who suffered the punishment for sins in our place, you and I now know and hold onto God's gift of forgiveness! Not only that, but this same Jesus is risen, at the right hand of the Father, and as the one who was righteous is still interceding for you and me.

You and I are not Jesus, of course! Neither are we Abraham. But I can't help wondering what our prayer life would look like if, by the power of the Holy Spirit among us, we were to add intercessions to our petitions... if we were to approach the world more and more from an attitude of mercy — rather than something else?

May you and I never tire of entrusting all of our prayers to the God who continues to grant eternal life, hope, and peace for the sake of the One who was righteous!

Thank You Letter to Resurrection Lutheran Church Received from Seminarian Harrison Hulse

Here is a letter our congregation received from Seminarian Harrison Hulse this past week that I would like to share:

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Dear Resurrection Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for having me back to preach and worship with you recently. My wife and I were blown away by your hospitality and the very generous stipend you gave us. Beyond just this, I also want to thank you all again for supporting me as I study at the Seminary for my future vocation as a pastor. Through your kindness, I can continue to study with great dedication and peace.

Sincerely,
Harrison Hulse

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Harrison and wife Sarah were not only with us throughout our four services on the weekend of June 21-22, but were also on hand throughout VBS week assisting as volunteers! We continue to keep them both in our prayers as Harrison returns to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in August to resume studies for his second year of studies and pastoral formation.

Obituary for former RLC Pastor Rev. Walter D. Volz

We recently received news of the online obituary for Pastor Walter Volz, former pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Raleigh who was instrumental in starting Resurrection Lutheran Church. (Among the photographs of RLC pastors in the hallway near the Fellowship Hall, Pastor Volz's photo is the very first, on the left.)

To view the obituary, together with a video and photographs compiled by Pastor Volz's son David, please click the link below:

[Rev. Walter D. Volz Obituary March 10, 2025 - T.M. Ralph Funeral Homes](#)

I invite you to join me today in offering up a prayer of thanksgiving for Pastor Volz and all the faithful pastors and their families who have passed on the legacy of faith to us at RLC!

Rite of Committal This Week for Lisa Whynot

Many of you have asked about what arrangements have been made regarding final services for Lisa Whynot. I wanted to let the church community know that a small, private Rite of Committal limited to Lisa's closest family members will take place in the RLC columbarium this week. Please understand that the family has requested privacy at this time. We entrust our sister in the faith to God's eternal mercies in Christ Jesus and give thanks to God for gifting her to us!

Love in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan

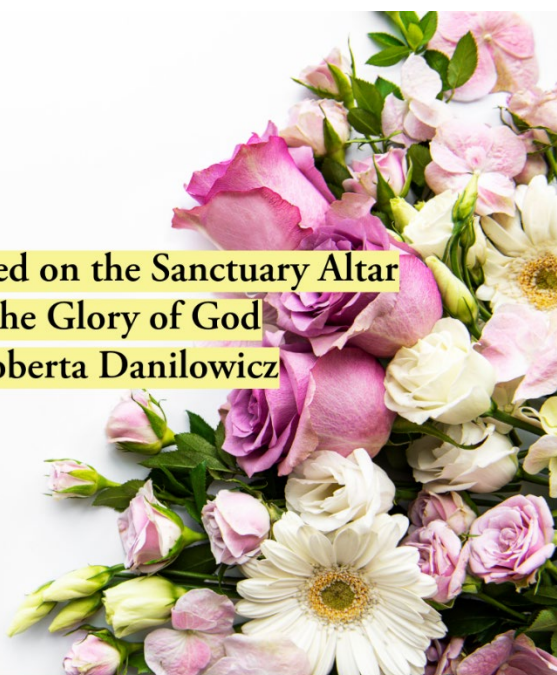
Prayers of the Church

Last Sunday in the Sanctuary!

Next week, August 3, the 11:00 am Praise Worship Service will return to the Family Life Center Gym.



Flowers Placed on the Sanctuary Altar
for the Glory of God
by Roberta Danilowicz



Sign up for Altar Flowers in the Sanctuary and Family Life Center.
Click below or call the church office at 919-851-7248.
Flowers are from Cary Florist and cost \$45.

[Sign Up for Altar Flowers!](#)

Last weekend to return items!
Christmas in July is here!

The Human Care Committee is sponsoring our Christmas Giving Tree in July. This effort will give our congregation the opportunity to support these organizations that assist families working to stabilize their housing and financial situations.

The Christmas tree is located in the Narthex of the Sanctuary from **July 1-31**. The tree has numerous ornament “tags”. Take a tag (or 2) and return it to the tree with the requested item and tag next time you are at church. No need to wrap them!

This year our gifts will benefit Green Chair Project (thegreenchair.org) and Families Together (familiestogethernc.org).

Blessings on your summer and thank you for your support,
Human Care Committee



• YOUNG FAMILIES •
gathering



Join us on
Sunday, August 3 at 4:00 pm
at Womble Park Picnic Shelter in Holly Springs
for fun, food, and fellowship!

Please bring a side dish or dessert.
Pizza and drinks will be provided!

RSVP to Jason and Martha Jennings or Pastor Zach.

**The Next Coffeehouse
for Special Needs Adults**
Friday, August 8

We thank all our volunteers who help us to have wonderful Coffeehouses! We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. Please come be a volunteer! Our special needs guests love to attend, and we need lots of volunteers to make them feel special and loved. We thank God for this ministry among us!

We need Setter Uppers at 5:30 pm (both food and room), Servers at 6:30 pm, and Cleaner Uppers at 8:30 pm. Sign Up: bit.ly/3VAtWWO

The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, August 8** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center. *The Back Porch String Band* will be playing for us.

Contact Brenda Peterson through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).



Men's Ministry ~ Summer Gatherings

During the summer, we are meeting up for casual gatherings.



Great time at the Cleveland Draft House in Fuquay Varina during our July event!

Contact Tom Gebbia at mens-ministry@rlcary.org.

Free Evening Seminar for All to Attend!

**TRIANGLE
FAITH.ORG**

Sunday, August 10, 2025

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Revealing Jesus:
Christ's Fulfillment of the Old Testament**

Jesus' words are saturated with the Old Testament. He speaks of Himself and His work as the fulfillment of everything promised by Moses and the prophets. Everything! From Genesis to Malachi, every word drips with Jesus. Let's take a look at how Jesus uses the Old Testament to make His person and work known. We'll examine specific Old Testament texts to understand them in their original context and then see how Christ fulfills them. Not only will our appreciation of the Old Testament grow, but we will have a deepened insight into what the New Testament teaches us of Christ.

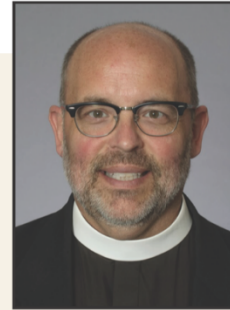
- Walking with Jesus to Emmaus: Christ's Self-Reference to the Old Testament
- Reading the Old Testament on Its Own Terms
- How the New Testament Reads the Old Testament

Workshop Location

Hosted by: Jordan Lutheran Church

Location: 309 Holleman St., Apex, NC

TriangleFaith.org is a cooperative effort of congregations in The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod that seeks to bring the message of forgiveness to the greater Raleigh Triangle community.



Dr. Kevin Golden
Associate Professor of
Exegetical Theology

Dr. Kevin Golden is associate professor of Exegetical Theology, dean of Theological Research and Publication, and director of Resident Field Education at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He joined the faculty in 2021.

Golden's research experience includes Hosea, biblical usage of the divine name, Genesis 6-9, Jonah, the Book of the Twelve (Minor Prophets) and biblical intertextuality.

He is the author of *Blessed Be His Name: Revealing the Sacred Names of God* (Concordia Publishing House, 2021), *God's Own Son Is Born A Child* (Concordia Publishing House, 2019) and *LifeLight: Minor Prophets* (Concordia Publishing House, 2009). He contributed to the festschrift, *The Mercy of God in the Cross of Christ: Essays on Mercy in Honor of Glenn Merritt* (LCMS, 2016).



In addition to this free evening seminar, Dr. Kevin Golden is offering a continuing education workshop geared for pastors, church workers, and laity interested in digging into the Scriptures on **August 11-13**.

This workshop will take place at the office of Jordan Lutheran Church, Monday through Wednesday. [Click here](#) to get details on the three-day workshop entitled, *It Stands Written: The New Testament Appropriation of the Old Testament*.

Texas Flood Disaster Relief

Devastating flash floods swept through Central Texas over the July 4 weekend, claiming over 100 lives and leaving many still missing — especially in Kerr County and at Camp Mystic. Our hearts and prayers are with all affected.

The Texas District of the LCMS is actively responding with relief and care, but due to the enormity of the devastation, they are overwhelmed with individual donations. The Texas District has asked that gifts be directed through the Southeastern District so we can send one collective check. [You can donate here, include "Texas" in the memo line.](#)

Prayer Cards

Visual Faith® Ministry has provided prayer cards by the prayer sheets in the Narthex and the Family Life Center. We invite you to take a few cards home and add prayer notes for your family and friends for whom you are praying.

As you pray for those concerns, color the card, and then send it to the person with a note that says, "You've been in my prayers this week."

If you have questions, please contact Jamee Thieme through RCB.

RLC Worship Servants and Training

There is always a need for more volunteers to assist in all of our worship services. Please consider being a greeter or usher, a worship assistant or lay reader, a slide tech or live stream team member. Feel free to reach out directly to the following for more information:

- Saturday, 6:00 pm - Lori Jannings
- Sunday, 8:00 am - Brenda Peterson
- Sunday, 9:30 am - Dara Linn
- Sunday, 11:00 am - Suzi Heffner

You may also contact the church office at 919-851-7248 or office@rlcary.org for assistance.

Children and Family Ministry

Vacation Bible School!



Questions? Contact Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director, at erika.hulse@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248, ext. 62.

Youth Ministry
Middle School and High School

LCMS Youth Gathering

Our team made it home safely! Look for details of their trip with pictures in the August newsletter.





Questions? Contact Jenny Piontek, Youth
Director, at jenny.piontek@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248, ext. 24.

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

Enrollment for 2025-26

at Resurrection Lutheran
PRESCHOOL

*Our program provides a balance of
academic and social opportunities by
'learning through play'
in a loving Christian atmosphere.*



+ Classes for children 2-years-old
thru 5-years-old **+**

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Resurrection Lutheran School

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*Because we all
need some extras!*



2025
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**UNIFORM &
SPIRIT WEAR SALE**
TUES. 8/12, 12-2 pm
WED. 8/13 12-2 pm
& 5-8 pm
(Before and during Parent Orientation)
100% of Proceeds go to the PSO

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Latest Lion's Tale



For online services, connect through our YouTube channel at
youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC
or through our website at
rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship.

This Week's Visual Faith Sheet

Weekly Attendance

In-Person Worship Attendance:

Saturday, July 19
6:00 pm - 40

Sunday, July 20
8:00 am - 60

9:30 am - 169

11:00 am - 95

Total In-Person Worship: 364

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:

Sunday, July 20

8:00 am - 105

11:00 am - 42

Total Online Views: 147

Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

June 2025

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$1,450,000

Actual Giving to Date: \$1,508,046

Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$58,046

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$1,450,000

Actual Expenses to Date: \$1,406,962

Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$43,038

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – July 27, 2025

*Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.
Hebrews 4:16*

We lift the following prayer requests this week:

Ongoing Prayers

*Diane Cuper, *Anne Altieri, *Charlotte Raines, *Eric Hammergren, *Anita Moore, *John Shaeffer,
*Vern Ebert, *Aaron, Marcus, Malcolm, *Sandy Douglas, Henry Otten, Michael Flannery,
*Helen Campbell, Paul Batt, *Geoffrey Wiggins, Caitlyn, Mark Zimmerman, Justus Nicolai,
Alex Fernandez, Cheri Spitz

Ongoing Cancer Treatments

*Mike Allen, Anne Price, Angie Price, Alison Zieglmeier, Carol Diliberto, Jackie, Kathy Siemon,
Scott Brinkley, Hope Mackelprang, Melissa Huntsman, Sue, Kathy, Pamm Haley, Bob, Michael Murphy,
*Greta Nelson, *Marina de Moura Torres, Ames, Doug Gill, Emily, *Alison Whatley, Joe Huley,
Lyn Becksford

For Expectant Moms

*Melody Gerdes, *Emily Hooper Evans, *Shannon Dawe, *Renee Guerin, *Alyssa Shaw, Ally Brown

Those Prayed for on July 20, 2025

Thanking God Today

- Our RLC Family
- Family Celebrations and Time Together, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Weddings, Births, Baptisms
- Our Many Blessings
- Safe Travels
- Caring Organizations Serving Our Local Communities
- Lutheran Women in Mission/LWML Mission Goal of \$2.6 million for 2025-27
- Our LCMS Youth Gathering Team as They Travel to New Orleans
- Meredith's 15th Birthday
- Jacob's Birthday

For Healing

- *Kim Goss
- All Those Exposed to COVID, with COVID, and Recovering from COVID
- Blind Ministry Guests - Maria and Jeff Barker, Linda Jones, Judy Dean, Ruby Franklin,
Miriam Delgado, Helen Rice-Lyles, Nancy Waggoner, Debbie Guice
- *Greta Nelson

- Pastor William Otto, Cancer Treatment and Surgery
- *Pam Dickson
- *Stephanie Ford
- Betty, Memory Issues
- *Mindy Stephani, Recovery
- Doug Gill, Ongoing Cancer Treatment
- *Helen Campbell
- Terrie Johnson, Mother of *Jen Kirby
- *Alison Whatley
- Bryon, Recovery from Brain Injury
- Marion Cecconi, Mother of *Lecia Roberts
- Martha, Sister of *Charlotte Raines
- Carrie Heilman, Cancer Treatment, Daughter-In-Law of *John and *Virginia Heilman
- Dave, Brother-In-Law of *Susan Brandt
- Clare Roberts, Cancer Treatment, Mother of *Michelle Wood
- *Charlie Shiel
- Rhianna, Healthy Pregnancy
- *Kathy Rihani
- Leta Huntsinger's Mother in Hospice Care
- Cynthia Wyse
- Brian Gorneau, Recovery from Accident
- *Fern Frusti
- Deb, Sister of *Pam Dickson
- Tyler, Recovering from Burns, and His Family Supporting Him
- Kim, Healing, Sister of *Paul Schmidt
- Belle, Cancer Return, Healing
- Laurie, Hospitalized, Healing
- *Jackson Lonseth
- Tim, Healing, Brother of *Faith Shaw
- Jeri Breitsprecher, Recovery, Mother of *Sue Campau
- Knox, Fran, Nove, Kathy, Matt, Jackie, Carol, Dale, Graydon, Don, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Kevin, Keith, Mark, Carlton, Sam, Patty, Skylar, Anna, Anne, Timmy, James, Gary, Gene, Lois, Sam, Sandy, Joe, Jim, Pam, Bryan, Dave, Wendy, Cheryl, Doug, Alice, Williette, melissa, Stephen, Richard, Rosemary, Clinton, Shelby, Noreen, Ben, Joann, Alfonso, Ken, Harold, Carrie, Virginia, Darlene, Peter

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of *Lorraine Keifer, Mother of *Lana Zieglmeier
- Family and Friends of *Lisa Cullen Whynot, Daughter of *Emmy and *Marty Cullen, Mother of John and Edward
- Family and Friends of Roger Haerther, Uncle of *Juli Blanke

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- Persecuted Christians
- People Around the World Affected by Natural Disasters and Weather Events, Especially People of Western NC, SC

- Weather Events, Heavy Rain, and Flooding, Especially TX and NC
- Families and Businesses Recovering in Western NC
- Mountainside Lutheran Church and Camp Linn Haven (Reopened for Summer)
- Safety and Thanksgiving for People Helping with Recovery Efforts
- People of Ukraine, and All Those Who Serve to Support Them
- People of Israel and People of Gaza, Peace in the Middle East
- All Those Supporting Family Members with Caregiving Needs
- Safe Travels
- Annie Ruth Ford, Mother of *Dennis Ford
- *Eric and *Jill Hammergren
- *Jan Wozniak and Her Family
- Jan and Rich Bloom
- *Ginny and *Ed Koren
- *Meredith A.
- *Fran Xenakis
- *Ron and *Carol Mitchell
- Those Enduring Marriage Struggles and Families in Turmoil
- Those Seeking Jobs and Career Changes, and Federal Workers
- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence
- Dorothy Conners and Her Family
- *Jim and *Thelma Rhodes
- *Anita Moore and Family
- Rundel Family
- Our Government and Leaders
- Kyle, Job Search
- *Ako, Visiting Mom in Japan
- Blessings to Dr. Gerry

For the Lord's Wisdom, Guidance, Strength for the Health and Well-Being of the People They Serve

- Pastor Jonathan and Juli, Associate Pastor Zach and Kelsey, Assistant Pastor Alan and Faith, and Their Families
- Pastor Jon Richter, Serving St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Norlina NC, and Ellen
- Pastor Alan Shaw, Intentional Interim Pastor at Peace Lutheran Church, Goldsboro NC
- SMP Vicar Christopher Reed, SMP Training and Vicarage, and His Family
- Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools Staff
- Area Pastors and Schools Staff
- Our Stephen Ministers
- Our Ministry of Presence

For Ongoing Mission and Outreach Efforts

- RLC's The Coffeehouse
- RLC's Blind Ministry
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- Safe Families for Children
- Families Together/PLM

- Camp Agape Ministries
- Read-a-Book at Reedy Creek Elementary School and Our RLC Volunteers
- Orphan Grain Train
- *Ilea Kuo, Currently Serving on a Southeast Asia Mission Trip
- Eastern NC Lutheran Via de Cristo

For Our Missionaries

- JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia
[Click here for the Cima Family Newsletter!](#)

*Lord Jesus, thank You for Your abiding Presence and saving grace. All is in Your Hands.
We trust You are working all things according to Your good plan and purposes,
and with that trust and confidence, we release these prayers to You. In Your Holy Name, Amen.*

***RLC Members**

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